

Training Opportunity Announcement

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) through the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) is offering funding to increase the number of certified Lead-Based Paint Inspectors, Lead Hazard Risk Assessors, and Elevated Blood Lead (EBL) Investigators throughout Kansas. It is required, as part of an EBL case investigation that when a full EBL investigation is indicated, a regional investigator or local health department must conduct an in-home exposure investigation to determine the potential cause or causes of lead exposure. To conduct a full investigation, the individual must complete the required training as a Lead-Based Paint Inspector, Lead Hazard Risk Assessor, and become a certified EBL Investigator. To complete the training in all three disciplines requires approximately 44 hours of in-person training. The certifications are valid for two years. Renewal of the certification requires an 8-hour Lead Hazard Risk Assessor refresher course and includes an online EBL Investigator exam through KS-TRAIN. The 8-hour Lead Hazard Risk Assessor refresher course does have a cost associated with it. However, all government and non-profit employees are exempt of fees for the initial and renewal license.

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) will cover the cost of the initial training and travel expenses to attend the courses necessary to complete the training as a Lead-based Paint Inspector, Lead Hazard Risk Assessor, and an EBL Investigator. The training is targeted to local governmental employees that would be responsible in their jurisdiction for conducting childhood lead investigations. Approval must be obtained through the program prior to registering for the courses or funding will not be provided. An application form can be obtained through the CLPPP to receive approval to register for the training.

Each training course focuses on different aspects of lead exposure and builds upon each other. Completing all three courses provides the investigator with the comprehensive training needed to fully evaluate potential lead exposures. However, it is possible to complete either the Lead-Based Paint Inspector and the Lead Hazard Risk Assessor courses independently of each other. These two courses are considered pre-requisites for the 4-hour EBL Investigator training course. It is not a requirement that a local government employee be *certified* as a Lead-Based Paint Inspector and Lead Hazard Risk Assessor to take the 4-hour EBL Investigator training, but training must have been completed as EBL Investigator pre-requisites. The Lead-Based Paint Inspector and Lead Hazard Risk Assessor courses are typically completed concurrently in one 40-hour week. The 4-hour EBL Investigator training will be offered on a routine basis independently of the other training courses.

A Lead-Based Paint Inspector is a certified individual who conducts a surface-by-surface investigation to determine the presence of lead-based paint in an entire residential dwelling or child-occupied facility and provides a written report explaining the results of the investigation to the person requesting the lead inspection.

A Lead Hazard Risk Assessor is a certified individual who conducts on-site investigations to determine the existence, nature, severity, and location of lead-based paint hazards in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility and the provision of a written report explaining the results of the investigation and options for reducing lead-based paint hazards.

An EBL Investigator is a certified individual that has completed the Lead-Based Paint Inspector, Lead Hazard Risk Assessor, and the four-hour training specifically for EBL Investigations. This certification is a certified individual who conducts the in-home investigation and has been trained to conduct in-home interviews to determine potential lead exposures.

Please note that in addition to the certifications, the jurisdiction will need to obtain a Lead Activity Firm License to conduct investigations. For more information about this, contact the Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program at kdhe.lead@ks.gov or (866)865-3233.

Baker Environmental Consulting (BEC) Environmental Group is the current contracted training vendor with KDHE to provide certification as a Lead-Based Paint Inspector and Lead Hazard Risk Assessor. The training takes place over the course of one week and includes approximately 44 hours of course work.

Contact the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for training approval and funding information related to the training.

Website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/CLPPP.htm>

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Contact the Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program for information about the certification process, licensing, and regulations.

Website: <http://www.kshealthyhomes.org/>

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Contact the Baker Environmental Consulting for more information about the training courses and to view the course calendar.

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